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Applicant : Kauschke, et al.

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BONDING CONFIGURATION

Examiner : Pratt

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification thereof as follows:

Rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, as follows:

This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/460,660, filed December 13,  
1999, itself a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/374,825, filed  
August 13, 1999.

Rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 7, as follows:

Utilizing a uniform diamond bonding point shape with a non-uniform bonding  
point pattern, specifically, a center-to-center separation of bonding points in the CD